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### U.S. GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

#### **Declaración de la secretaria Clinton sobre los Acuerdos de Cancún**

“Los Acuerdos de Cancún representan un paso hacia adelante equilibrado y significativo. En los próximos días y meses, Estados Unidos trabajará con nuestros amigos y socios para mantener al mundo enfocado en este urgente desafío y para seguir consolidando este progreso”.

<http://www.america.gov/st/energy-spanish/2010/December/20101213130719x0.6449963.html>

#### **Vice President Biden Announces Plan to Put One Million Advanced Technology Vehicles on the Road by 2015**

Energy.gov

January 26, 2011

The Administration's new three-part advanced technology vehicle plan will include supporting electric vehicle manufacturing and adoption in the U.S. through generous new consumer rebates, investments in R&D, and a new competitive program to encourage communities to invest in electric vehicle infrastructure.

<http://www.energy.gov/news/10034.htm>

#### **Departments of Energy and Commerce Announce New Partnership to Further Cooperation on Renewable Energy Modeling and Forecasting**

January 26, 2011

The Department of Energy and the Department of Commerce today announced a new agreement to further collaboration between the agencies on renewable energy modeling and weather forecasting, which will help enable the nation's renewable energy resources to be used more effectively by business and entrepreneurs.

[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress\\_alerts.cfm/pa\\_id=468?CFID=3273557&CFTOKEN=35950930](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=468?CFID=3273557&CFTOKEN=35950930)

#### **Clean Air Act: A Summary of the Act and Its Major Requirements**

CRS Report for Congress

January 6, 2011

This report summarizes the Clean Air Act and its major regulatory requirements. It excerpts, with minor modifications, the Clean Air Act chapter of CRS Report RL30798, Environmental Laws: Summaries of Major Statutes Administered by the Environmental Protection Agency, which summarizes a dozen environmental statutes that form the basis for the programs of the Environmental Protection Agency. This report will be updated at the end of each Congress, or sooner if Congress enacts a law that substantively changes the statute.

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/155015.pdf>

## **Report on U.S.-China Clean Energy Cooperation**

U.S. Department of Energy

January 20, 2011

The energy and climate challenges facing the United States and China will not be solved in weeks or months. Instead, this will require sustained work over years and decades. Our two countries will compete in the global marketplace and many other arenas, but we have much to learn from each other. There will be many opportunities to cooperate in meeting these challenges— bilaterally as well as in multilateral fora including the Clean Energy Ministerial, Major Economies Forum, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and G-20. Working together, we can accomplish more than acting alone.

<http://www.america.gov/st/texttrans-english/2011/January/20110120160143su0.5199963.html&distid=ucs#ixzz1Bekq3nH7>

## **Secretary Chu Announces Major New Recovery Act Milestone: 300,000 Homes Weatherized**

U.S. Department of Energy

January 19, 2011

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced that states and territories across the country have now weatherized more than 300,000 low-income homes under the Recovery Act, a major milestone in the Department's efforts to reduce home energy bills for families.

[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress\\_alerts.cfm/pa\\_id=463](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=463)

## **Methane Capture: Options for Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction**

CRS Report for Congress

January 11, 2011

This report discusses legislative alternatives for addressing methane capture, sources of methane, opportunities and challenges for methane capture, and current federal programs that support methane recovery.

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/155007.pdf>

## **The Department of Energy Releases Strategy on Critical Materials**

Energy.gov

December 15, 2010

The Department of Energy today released its Critical Materials Strategy. The strategy examines the role of rare earth metals and other materials in the clean energy economy, based on extensive research by the Department during the past year. The report focuses on materials used in four technologies - wind turbines, electric vehicles, solar cells and energy-efficient lighting.

<http://www.energy.gov/news/documents/criticalmaterialsstrategy.pdf>

## THINK TANKS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



### **Global Clean Power: A \$2.3 Trillion Opportunity**

Pew Charitable Trusts

December 2010

Global Clean Power: A \$2.3 Trillion Opportunity was developed for public informational and educational purposes. It examines scenarios for private investment in renewable energy assets in G-20 nations through 2020. This report is a follow-on to the Pew Charitable Trusts' March 2010 report *Who's Winning the Clean Energy Race? Competition and Opportunity in the World's*

*Largest Economies*, which examined 2009 clean energy finance and investment in the countries that make up the Group of Twenty.<sup>1</sup> This research complements ongoing efforts by the Pew Environment Group and the Pew Center on the States to chronicle the extent of jobs, businesses and investments in America's clean energy economy.

[http://www.pewglobalwarming.org/cleanenergyeconomy/pdf/G20II\\_report.pdf](http://www.pewglobalwarming.org/cleanenergyeconomy/pdf/G20II_report.pdf)

### **CLEAN Contracts: Making Clean Local Energy Accessible Now**

Center for American Progress

January 18, 2011

[http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/01/clean\\_contracts.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/01/clean_contracts.html)

## ARTICLES

### **Clean Energy for the Empire State Building**

January 24, 2011

<http://www.america.gov/st/energy-english/2011/January/20110124123227nirak0.1645777.html&distid=ucs##ixzz1C2ES9w8q>

### **Nuevas normas de emisiones para centrales eléctricas y refinerías**

29 diciembre 2010

<http://www.america.gov/st/energy-spanish/2010/December/20101229141435x0.8819348.html?CP.rss=true>

### **Here's an Easy One**

The New York Times

January 15, 2011

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/16/opinion/16sun3.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/16/opinion/16sun3.html?_r=1)

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